U.S. Patent Application No. 10/596,832 Response to Office Action dated October 5, 2010

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, previously omitted descriptive text has been added to unlabeled boxes 2, 3 and 4.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were pending in this application. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 16-35 have been added. No new matter has been added.

In amended Fig. 1, submitted herewith, previously omitted descriptive text has been added to unlabeled boxes 2, 3 and 4. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to the Oath/Declaration and notes that the full names of each inventor have not been set forth. Applicant submits that an executed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) was submitted to the U.S. Patent Office on October 31, 2008, in response to the Notification of Missing Requirement mailed October 9. A copy of the fully-executed Declaration and the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

ARGUMENTS

Applicant has added five new independent claims which correspond to the combinations considered as allowable by the Examiner, as follows:

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new Claim 16 is based on Claims 1 + 4 + 6;
new Claim 21 is based on Claims 1 + 4 + 7;
new Claim 26 is based on Claims 1 + 3 + 8;
new Claim 31 is based on Claims 1 + 11; and
new Claim 33 is based on Claims 1 + 2 + 5 + 15.
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The other new claims are all based on previously pending dependent claims. Applicant believes these amendments address the objections and rejections raised under Section 112.

Regarding the rejections under Sections 102 and 103, Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims overcome these rejections.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action. If the Examiner has any questions that can be answered by telephone, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number listed below. It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. **50-4913**.

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